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1. CAMOBIDAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS IENG SARY ARRIVED IN KUALA LUMPUR MARCH 24 FROM SINGAPORE, HE WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY FOREIGN MINISTER RITHAUDDEEN, OTHER MALAYSIAN OFFICIALS AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRC AMBASSADOR WANG YU-PIN AND SRV CHARGE TRAN LE DUC, THE ONLY DIPLOMATS AT THE AIRPORT. SARY HAD A TWO-HOUR PRIVATE SESSION WITH RIGHAUDDEEN IN WHICH "MATTERS OF MUTURAL AND INTERNATIONAL INTEREST" WERE DISCUSSED. RITHAUDDEEN ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT MALAYSIA HAD PLEDGED TO SUPPORT THE RECONSTRUCTION OF CAMBODIA. ALSO ON MARCH 24 SARY MET WITH DEPUTY PRIME

MINISTER MAHATHIR AND PRIMARY INDUSTRIES MINISTER DATUK MUSA HITAM. SARY WAS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER HUSSEIN MARCH 25.

2. PRESS CONVERAGE OF THE SARY VISIT WAS RESTRAINED IN THE ENGLISH AND MALAY PAPERS, BUT THE CHINESE LANGUAGE "NANYANG SIANG PAU" GAVE THE STORY BANNER HEADLINES WITH TWO FRONT PAGE PICTURES ON MARCH 25. A MARCH 24 "NAYANG" EDITORIAL WARMLY WELCOMED THE VISIT, A CONTRAST WITH THE TOTAL ABSENCE OF OTHER EDITORIAL COMMENT.

3. COMMENT. THE RESTRAINED ENGLISH AND MALAY COVERAGE OF THE IENG SARY VISIT REFLECTS THE GOM SENSITIVITY TO CRITICISM OF THE SORT RAISED BY UMNO YOUTH (REFTEL). UNDERHILL

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